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SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

TRANSMITTING

AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF COMPLETING THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF INTERSTATE AND DEFENSE HIGHWAYS IN EACH STATE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, PREPARED FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOR-TIONING INTERSTATE SYSTEM FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1960, 1961, AND 1962, PURSUANT TO SECTION 108 (d) OF THE FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY ACT OF 1956

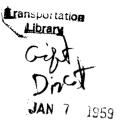


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THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, Washington, D. C., January 7, 1958.

Hon. SAM RAYBURN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Speaker: In accordance with the requirements of section 108 (d) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 (Public Law 627, 84th Cong.), I am transmitting herewith an estimate of the cost of completing the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways in each State and the District of Columbia prepared for the purpose of apportioning Interstate System funds authorized for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1960, 1961, and 1962.

The factors contained in this estimate of costs of construction are derived from analysis and summation of estimates of cost set forth in detail in 49 bound volumes of individual State reports which, although considered a part of this transmittal, are being sent directly to the House of Representatives Public Works Committee hearing

room because of their size.

Making an estimate of this magnitude is a complex engineering job and requires exercise of sound judgment in forecasting probable highway needs of each State in the calendar year 1975. The basic elements of the job have been done in the individual State highway departments where there is available the largest collection of needed basic data, skills, and experience bearing on the highway problems of each State. These estimates, uniformly prepared under a common set of guides and engineering standards developed jointly by the Bureau of Public Roads and representatives of the State highway departments, represent the best coordinated judgment in this important matter.

In submitting this estimate I wish to recognize and pay tribute to the State highway departments, all of which have cooperated to the fullest in its preparation. This is but another working example of the fine relationship of cooperative endeavor which has historically characterized the Federal-aid highway program. In executing the program set out in these estimates it is of great importance that this State and Federal partnership be maintained and even strengthened

wherever possible.

Although this estimate shows an increase in cost over the amounts authorized by section 108 (b) of the 1956 act, I do not see any need for consideration at the present time of new legislative measures which would add to the income of the highway trust fund. This is the first estimate of a series of five and is made in the early stage of the highway program launched by the 1956 act. As construction of the Interstate System progresses toward completion and as the amount of remaining work correspondingly decreases, future estimates of cost will be made on a broader base of experience and these estimates will

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progressively become more accurate by reflecting actual trends in cost, either upward or downward, that cannot be forecast as well now. Until this additional experience is acquired, consideration of any adjustments in authorization of funds or revenues would be premature. I recommend it for approval by the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

SINCLAIR WEEKS, Secretary of Commerce.

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A REPORT OF FACTORS FOR USE IN APPORTIONING FUNDS FOR THE NATIONAL SYSTEM OF INTERSTATE AND DEFENSE HIGHWAYS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, section 108 (d), requires the Secretary of Commerce to submit to the Congress within 10 days subsequent to January 2, 1958, an estimate of the cost of completing the

National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

The purpose of the estimate is to derive the ratio of cost of completing the Interstate System in each State to the cost of completing the system in all of the States to serve as a basis for apportioning funds authorized for the fiscal years 1960, 1961, and 1962. The 1956 act specified this method of apportionment in order to carry out its stated objective of completing the Interstate System simultaneously in all States.

The estimate presented herein is the first of a series to be submitted to the Congress in accordance with the 1956 act. Revised estimates must be submitted in January of 1962, 1966, 1967, and 1968, to establish the ratios for purposes of apportioning funds for the fiscal years 1963–69.

THE DESIGNATED SYSTEM COVERED BY THIS ESTIMATE

The National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, known as the Interstate System, was designated under authority given in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944. This system was not to exceed 40,000 miles in total length and was to be located to connect by routes, as direct as practicable, the principal metropolitan areas, cities, and industrial centers, to serve the national defense, and connect at suitable border points with the routes of continental importance in the

Dominion of Canada and the Republic of Mexico.

The Interstate System was selected by joint action of the State highway departments and the Bureau of Public Roads, and routes comprising an estimated 37,700 miles were designated on August 2, 1947. Additional routes limited to those around and through the urban areas, totaling an estimated 2,300 miles, were designated in September 1955. Pending the necessary engineering studies to determine the most economic alinements, the location of these routes was diagrammatic only, and for convenience and in the absence of detailed engineering studies, their lengths were measured along the existing principal highways.

Section 108 (1) of the 1956 act increased the authorized length of the Interstate System from 40,000 to 41,000 miles. Moreover, in developing the estimates for this report, the States found that by more accurate measurement and by the selection of better locations

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for the routes already designated, their previously estimated length

would be reduced to approximately 38,548 miles.

On October 18, 1957, the Secretary of Commerce announced 2,102 miles of interstate routes expected to be added to the system. None of the cost of this mileage is included in the present estimate. The 1,000-mile expansion of the system is specifically excluded by section 108 (l) of the 1956 act, and the 1,102 miles of the savings made possible as a result of more direct locations became available subsequent to July 1, 1956, which is used as the base date for preparation of the cost estimate in this report.

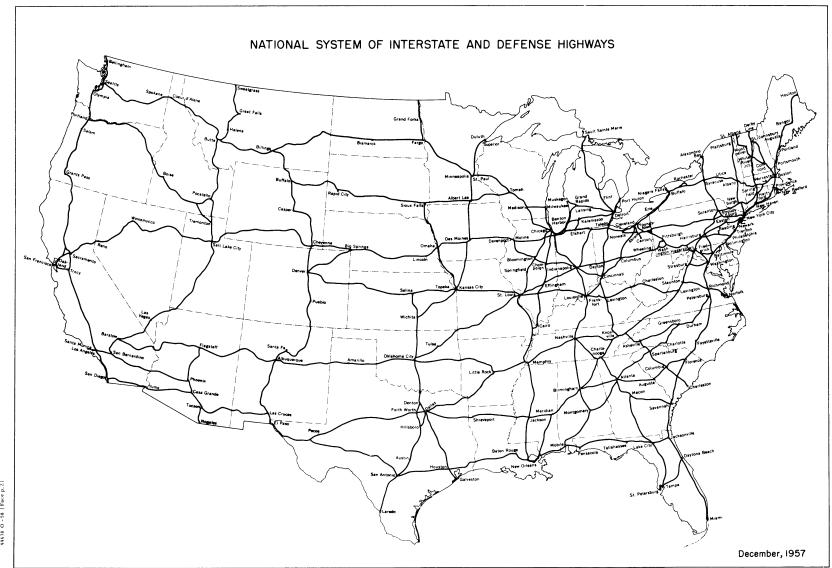
Plate A shows the location of the designated routes which form the basis of this estimate. Table A shows the mileage of the Interstate System as well as the mileage of the other Federal-aid highway

systems in each of the States.

Table A .- Mileages of Federal-aid highway systems

	Mileages of Federal-aid highway systems				
State	Interstate	Other Federal-aid primary	Federal-aid secondary	Total	
Alabama	878	5, 238	16, 971	23, 087	
Arizona	1, 161	1, 446	3, 777	6, 384	
Arkansas	522	3, 376	13, 745	17, 643	
California	2, 135	5,047	10, 233	17, 415	
Colorado	674	3, 592	3,850	8, 116	
Connecticut	275	989	1, 153	2, 417	
Delaware	40	526	1,419	1, 985	
Florida	1, 111	4, 260	10, 726	16, 097	
Georgia.	1, 112	7, 267	13,005	21, 384	
Idaho	611	2,440	4,620	7, 671	
Illinois	1,608	8, 902	10, 868	21, 378	
Indiana	1,090	4, 355	15, 837	21, 282	
<u> </u>	709	9, 392	33, 137	43, 238	
Kansas	803	7, 179	22, 782	30, 764	
Kentucky	605 5 9 5	3, 804 2, 566	15, 216 7, 730	19, 625	
Louisiana	313	2, 500 1, 621	2, 299	10, 891 4, 233	
Maine	350	2, 004	5, 973	4, 233 8, 327	
Maryland	450	1, 723	2, 206	4, 379	
Michigan.	1,066	5, 831	21, 732	28, 629	
Minnesota	888	7, 941	19, 317	28, 146	
Mississippi	676	4, 472	9, 487	14, 635	
Missouri	1, 095	7, 652	19, 365	28, 112	
Montana.	1, 180	4, 687	4, 467	10, 334	
Nebraska	488	5, 165	13, 100	18, 753	
Nevada	534	1, 656	2, 486	4, 676	
New Hampshire	215	992	1, 590	2, 797	
New Jersey	368	1,670	1,980	4,018	
New Mexico	1,003	3,013	5, 236	9, 252	
New York	1, 210	9, 563	19, 311	30, 084	
North Carolina	677	6, 173	24, 112	30, 962	
North Dakota	504	3,008	13, 531	17,043	
Ohio	1, 344	6, 422	16, 905	24, 671	
Oklahoma	784	7, 195	11,747	19, 726	
Oregon	717	3, 305	5, 463	9, 485	
Pennsylvania	1, 435	6, 035	13, 220	20, 690	
Rhode Island South Carolina	71 679	392 3, 937	384 13, 396	847 18, 012	
South Dakota	512	3, 937 4, 290	12, 383	17, 185	
Tennessee	988	4, 323	9, 735	15, 046	
Texas	2, 889	14, 219	27, 855	44. 963	
Utah	634	1, 519	3, 359	5, 512	
Vermont	321	1, 237	1,804	3, 362	
Virginia	996	3, 683	18, 034	22, 713	
Washington	613	2, 974	9, 648	13, 235	
West Virginia	207	2,370	10, 671	13, 248	
Wisconsin	452	5, 883	18, 624	24, 959	
Wyoming	931	2, 618	2, 124	5, 673	
District of Columbia	29	112	78	219	
Hawaii		532	602	1, 134	
Puerto Rico		550	1,085	1, 635	
Total	38, 548	209, 146	528, 378	776, 072	





UNIFORM APPLICATION OF GEOMETRIC AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

Section 108 (i) of the 1956 act requires the geometric and construction standards for the Interstate System to be approved by the Secretary of Commerce in cooperation with the State highway departments, and that these standards shall be adequate for the types and volumes of traffic forecast for the year 1975. Appropriate committees composed of State highway department and Bureau of Public Roads engineers had been working for several years under sponsorship of the American Association of State Highway Officials in developing design standards for the Interstate System. The standards used in making the estimate reported herein were adopted by full membership vote of the American Association of State Highway Officials on July 12, 1956, and approved July 17, 1956, by the Commissioner of Public Roads acting for the Secretary of Commerce.

To serve as a standard guide, the Bureau of Public Roads, working with representatives from the State highway departments, prepared in October 1956 an Instruction Manual for Preparation and Submission of Detailed Estimate of the Cost of Completing the Interstate System in Accordance with Section 108 (d) of the Federal-Aid High-

way Act of 1956.

This manual outlined in detail the procedures to be followed in preparation of the estimate. It was furnished to all State highway departments. An additional guide was prepared by the Bureau of Public Roads and furnished to the States to serve as a means of checking their forecasts of traffic. Since everyone working on the estimate was provided with the same guides, maximum uniformity has been obtained.

Uniformity as used here does not mean that the average cost of constructing a mile of road, or any other average factors, will be the same in all States. Such a comparison of averages is meaningless because of wide variations in conditions such as traffic, terrain, climate, and other factors peculiar to individual States and even within different portions of the same State.

Within the scope of practical uniformity there is a balance between traffic needs in a particular circumstance and the highway design used to satisfy that need. There are and should be provisions for some range and variation in design. These variations will include such things as widths of rights-of-way and the kind of improvements to be removed therefrom, pavement and subbase thickness, bridge foundations and types and the frequency and length of structures, number of traffic lanes, frequency and complexity of interchanges and grade separations, and many other elements involved under various local conditions. Uniformity in this sense, therefore, means the application in all of the States of the design range provided in the Geometric Design Standards approved for the Interstate System pursuant to section 108 (i) of the 1956 act.

PREPARATION OF THE ESTIMATE AND THE BASIC PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES FOLLOWED

The estimate of cost of completing the Interstate System was prepared in each State by personnel from the State highway departments and the division offices of the Bureau of Public Roads. Representa-

tives from both the Bureau's regional offices in the field and the headquarters office in Washington worked closely with the State and division office personnel in the preparation of the estimate. This procedure provided the close supervision necessary for a high level of uniformity.

Each State has compiled its estimate in a bound volume following a standard format for all States which includes maps showing the location of the several interstate routes in that State, plates showing the engineering features, and tables listing the design criteria, route and section mileages, and estimated costs for each section broken down into

major elements of construction.

On June 29, 1956, when the 1956 act was approved, sections of the Interstate System were in various stages of development, ranging from the most elemental preliminary planning upward through completed sections already in use. In estimating the cost of completing the Interstate System in accordance with the adopted geometric and construction standards, all work in a financed status as of July 1, 1956, was considered as having been completed. This means that the cost of any work on the Interstate System, which was to be accomplished with funds already assigned for construction, has not been included in this estimate.

It was also necessary to insure the use of a common base period for the unit construction prices to be used in the estimate. Since all of the States would be working on their estimates in the early part of the calendar year of 1957, average cost indexes of construction for the last half of the calendar year of 1956 were selected.

half of the calendar year of 1956 were selected.

On completion of each State's estimate, it was forwarded through the field offices of the Bureau of Public Roads and then to the Washington office where detailed checks, analyses, and summaries of the

States' estimates have been made.

COST SUMMARIES AND APPORTIONMENT FACTORS

The data summarized in the following tables are derived from material presented in the 49 volumes of the reports.

Table B lists by States (1) the amounts of the unobligated balances as of July 1, 1956, of the Federal-aid interstate funds apportioned for the fiscal years 1954–57, inclusive, under the Federal-Aid Highway Acts of 1952 and 1954 with corresponding amounts of estimated State matching funds, (2) the amounts of interstate funds apportioned since July 1, 1956, for the fiscal years 1957–59, inclusive, under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 with corresponding amounts of estimated State matching funds, and (3) amounts for work expected to be financed with other than interstate and State matching funds. In order to comply with the intent of the 1956 act these amounts have been excluded from the cost figures to be used in establishing the factors for apportionment of funds authorized for the 1960 and later fiscal years.

Table C lists the estimates of cost by States for all work not financed as of July 1, 1956, which was required to complete the Interstate System. These costs are shown in three categories: (1) Preliminary engineering, (2) right-of-way, and (3) construction. The summation of the cost of these three elements of work less the total amounts

shown in table B represent the remaining cost to complete the Interstate System. The ratio of this cost in each State to the sum of the costs in all the States determines the factors for apportionment of funds for the fiscal years 1960, 1961, and 1962.

Table D shows in summary the remaining cost in each State as described in table C and the resulting apportionment factor for each State.

Table B.—Amounts not included in costs used to determine apportionment factors—Sec. 108 (d)

[Thousands of dollars]

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	Total of 1956	Estimated State funds to match	Balance as of July 1, 1956, of apportion-	Estimated State funds to match balance of	Amounts for work ex- pected to be financed	•
State	state appor- tionments 1957-59	1956 act funds for 1957–59	ments from 1952 and 1954 acts	1952 and 1954 acts, interstate funds	with other than inter- state and State match- ing funds	Total
Alabama	95, 524 53, 787	10, 614 3, 191	2, 641 530	1, 761 154	10, 547 150	121, 087 57, 812
Arkansas		7, 545	3, 985	2, 657	150	82, 097
California	269, 341	24, 475	0,000	2,00,	242, 217	536, 033
Colorado	63, 967	6, 088	2, 500	1, 351	1, 365	75, 271
Connecticut		5, 020	2, 962	1, 975	36, 376	91, 513
Delaware	29, 313	3, 257 8, 842	2, 256 2, 463	1, 544 1, 642	49, 541	85, 911
FloridaGeorgia	79, 578 108, 923	12, 102	5, 570	3, 723	3, 584 327	96, 109 130, 645
Idaho	47, 578	3, 975	2, 684	1, 198	021	55, 435
Illinois	220, 986	24, 554	672	454	370, 640	617, 306
Indiana		12, 668	8, 414	5, 609		140, 705
Iowa		10, 601	6, 332	4, 379	6, 382	123, 101
Kansas Kentucky		9, 435 9, 757	363 3, 723	242 2, 634		94, 951 103, 931
Louisiana		8, 583	3, 217	2, 144		91, 194
Maine		4, 189	1, 556	1, 037	4, 254	48, 738
Maryland	56, 377	6, 264	1, 541	1,028	41, 597	106, 807
Massachusetts	100, 122	11, 125	2, 116	1, 411	43, 328	158, 102
Michigan		18, 778	1, 752 2, 787	1, 188 1, 858	3, 565	194, 289 122, 202
Minnesota Mississippi	105, 801 74, 354	11, 756 8, 261	3, 062	2, 053		87, 730
Missouri	126, 728	14, 081	287	204	4, 623	145, 923
Montana	67, 295	6, 396	4, 919	2, 673	115	81, 398
Nebraska	67, 166	7, 463	5, 235	3, 626	1, 335	84, 825
Nevada	48, 932	2, 575	1, 969	300		53, 776
New Hampshire		3, 257 11, 408	2, 120 6, 782	1, 413 4, 521	4, 583 246, 691	40, 686 372, 075
New Jersey New Mexico	102, 673 57, 024	4, 570	205	4, 321 87	240, 001	61, 886
New York	333, 282	37, 031	5. 311	3, 541	687, 857	1, 067, 022
North Carolina	119, 333	13, 259	4, 788	3, 192		140, 572
North Dakota	51, 838	5, 760	2, 761	1, 840		62, 199
Ohio	200, 393	22, 266	3, 061	2, 041	6, 830	234, 591
Oklahoma		9, 335 5, 228	2, 577 10	1, 881	2, 301	97, 805 71, 014
Oregon Pennsylvania	63, 469 251, 152	27, 906	8, 519	5, 679	78, 308	371, 564
Rhode Island	29, 313	3, 257	317	211		33, 098
South Carolina	63, 023	7, 003	3, 475	2, 317		75, 818
South Dakota	54, 437	5, 266	2, 192	1, 195	518	63, 608
Tennessee	99, 935	11, 104	7, 213	4, 809		123, 061
Texas.	270, 186	30, 021	813 90	583 23		301, 603 48, 205
Utah	45, 644	2, 448 3, 257	2, 232	1, 526	50	36, 377
Vermont Virginia	29, 312 94, 722	10, 525	3, 246	2, 164	89, 340	199, 997
Washington	75, 517	7, 734	3, 021	1, 783	3, 673	91, 728
West Virginia	55, 756	6, 195	4, 031	2, 688		68, 670
Wisconsin	106, 688	11, 854	6, 752	4, 639	377	130, 310
Wyoming	48, 697	3, 733	1,014	406 1. 413		53, 850 36, 102
District of Columbia	29, 312	3, 257	2, 120	1, 413		30, 102
Total	4, 690, 000	497, 269	146, 186	94, 803	1, 940, 474	7, 368, 732

Table C.—National summary of estimated costs—Sec. 108 (d)

[Thousands of dollars]

State	Preliminary engi- neering (surveys, detail plans, spec- ifications, con- tract documents)	Right-of-way	Construction	Amounts already available (table B)	Federal-aid and State matching funds required to complete system
Alabama	20, 939	93, 172	640, 841	121.087	633, 865
Arizona		26,062	446, 507	57. 812	439, 093
Arkansas.	9, 241	29, 940	362, 086	82, 097	319, 170
California		650, 722	2, 909, 128	536, 033	3, 266, 360
Colorado		20, 625	293, 051	75, 271	249, 063
Connecticut.	14, 104	84, 376	385, 046	91, 513	392, 013
Delaware	6, 404	15, 989	176, 721	85, 911	113, 203
Florida	24, 872	213, 769	690, 317	96, 109	832, 849
·Georgia	21,841	83, 475	800, 892	130, 645	775, 563
Idaho		16, 608	249, 182	55, 435	221, 635
Illinois		268, 765	1, 926, 776	617, 306	1, 648, 267
Indiana		136, 949	875, 113	140, 705	927, 049
Iowa		53, 985	364, 669	123, 101	304, 996
Kansas		52, 983	319, 349	94, 951	287, 539
Kentucky	26, 674	55, 559	586, 612	103, 931	564, 914
Louisiana	27, 273	113, 821	799, 140	91, 194	849, 040
Maine	7, 526	8, 218	198, 346	48, 738	165, 352
Maryland	26, 619	126, 682	677, 538	106, 807	724, 032
Massachusetts	37, 226	196, 391	818, 951	158, 102	895, 066
Michigan		321, 928	1, 086, 028	194, 289	1, 263, 033
Minnesota	26, 153	107, 888	594, 178	122, 202	606, 017
Mississippi	7, 596	28, 659 158, 250	404, 549	87, 730	353, 074
Missouri	39, 340 18, 110	13, 701	865, 266 414, 986	145, 923 81, 398	916, 933
Nebraska	9,063	31, 792	242, 201	84, 825	365, 399 198, 231
Nevada	8, 785	20, 754	192, 297	53, 776	168, 060
New Hampshire	7. 102	14, 925	195, 311	40, 686	176, 652
New Jersey	42, 321	245, 224	1, 124, 686	372, 075	1, 040, 156
New Mexico	15, 231	26, 604	405, 073	61, 886	385, 022
New York	82, 353	334, 098	2, 242, 593	1, 067, 022	1, 592, 022
North Carolina	7, 329	38, 869	268, 703	140, 572	174, 329
North Dakota	1, 223	8, 546	194, 743	62, 199	142, 313
Ohio	78, 586	520, 929	1, 728, 929	234, 591	2, 093, 853
Oklahoma	9, 517	31, 442	348, 910	97, 805	292, 064
Oregon	7,043	103, 612	517, 494	71, 014	557, 135
Pennsylvania	52, 906	126, 676	1, 502, 894	371, 564	1, 310, 912
Rhode Island	7, 408	40, 094	135, 280	33, 098	149, 684
South Carolina	11, 028	23, 855	305, 686	75, 818	264, 751
South Dakota	2, 373	5, 376	192, 005	63, 608	136, 146
Tennessee	33, 902	158, 908	883, 469	123, 061	952, 218
Texas	52, 305	227, 847	1, 473, 702	301,603	1, 452, 251
Utah	14, 325	19, 328	315, 095	48, 205	300, 543
Vermont	8, 668	12, 822	317, 963	36, 377	303, 076
Virginia	60, 856	177, 643	1, 323, 516	199, 997	1, 362, 018
Washington	16, 736	103, 289	553, 679	91, 728	581, 976
West Virginia	18, 261	52, 581	400, 709	68, 670	402, 881
Wisconsin	15, 017	55, 408	398, 450	130, 310	338, 565
Wyoming District of Columbia	10,806	4, 218	372, 891	53, 850	334, 065
District of Columbia	12, 063	77, 252	265, 394	36, 102	318, 607
Total					1 32, 142, 055

 $^{^{1}}$ Estimated cost for apportionment of Interstate System funds for fiscal years 1960–62 (includes both Federal and State funds).

Table D.—Estimated Federal-aid and State matching costs to complete the system and apportionment factors—Sec. 108 (d)

· [Thousands of dollars]

State	Costs	Apportion- ment factors	State	Costs	Apportion- ment factors
Alabama Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut Delaware Florida Georgia Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Mississippi	633, 865 439, 093 319, 170 3, 266, 360 249, 063 392, 013 113, 203 832, 849 775, 539 227, 049 304, 996 287, 539 564, 914 849, 040 165, 352 724, 032 895, 066 1, 263, 033 606, 017 353, 074	Percent 1. 972 1. 366 993 10. 162 775 1. 220 352 2. 591 2. 413 690 5. 128 2. 884 2. 884 2. 884 1. 758 2. 641 514 2. 253 2. 785 3. 930 1. 885 1. 1098	New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia Washington West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming	142, 313 2, 093, 853 292, 064 557, 135 1, 310, 912 149, 684 264, 751 136, 146 953, 218 1, 452, 251 300, 543 303, 076 1, 362, 018 581, 976	Percent 0. 550 3. 236 1. 198 4. 953 6. 514 909 1. 733 4. 078 4466 824 2. 966 4. 518 9355 943 4. 237 1. 811 1. 253 1. 033
Missouri Montana Nebraska Nevada	916, 933 365, 399 198, 231 168, 060	2. 853 1. 137 . 617 . 523	District of Columbia Total	318, 607 32, 142, 055	100.000

COMPARISON OF PRESENT FINANCING WITH PRESENT ESTIMATE OF COST

After applying the deductions summarized in table B, the total estimated cost to be used in determining the apportionment factors for fiscal years 1960, 1961, and 1962 is shown in table C as \$32,142,055,000. This amount includes approximately \$3,065,409,000 of State matching funds, leaving an estimated \$29,076,646,000 to be supplied from the highway trust fund for the 1960 and later fiscal years.

The Federal-Aid Highway Acts of 1954 and 1956 authorize a total of \$25.0 billions to be appropriated in specific amounts for each of the fiscal years 1957 through 1969 for the purpose of expediting the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of the Interstate System after July 1, 1956. Another \$2.6 billions in State funds would be needed to match these Federal funds at the matching ratios established by the legislation. Thus, the total for Federal and State financing that has been provided under these acts is \$27.6 billions, for the period following July 1, 1956.

By comparison, the total for Federal and State financing to complete the Interstate System after July 1, 1956, as summarized in this report is \$37.6 billions. Of this amount \$33.9 billions represents the Federal

share and \$3.7 billions represents the States' matching share.

A tabular comparison of the present financing that was provided by the 1954 and 1956 acts and the financing needs currently estimated in accordance with the 1956 act is given in the following table.

	Federal share (billions)	State matching share (billions)	Total (billions)
Current estimate of needed Federal aid - State matching money: For fiscal years 1957-59 (Federal funds already apportioned). Required for 1960 and later fiscal years.	\$4. 875	\$0. 605	\$5. 480
	29. 077	3. 065	32. 142
TotalAs provided by the 1954 and 1956 acts	33, 952	3. 670	37. 622
	25, 000	2. 645	27. 645

Thus it is indicated from the estimates made in 1956-57 that the combined Federal-aid and required State matching finances needed after July 1, 1956, to complete the Interstate System would be about 37 percent greater than the amounts which have been authorized in the 1954 and 1956 acts.

CAUSES FOR THE INCREASED COST REFLECTED IN THIS REPORT

This estimate of cost for completing the Interstate System is higher than the amounts presently authorized because—

(1) The nationwide traffic forecasts for 1975 which were made subsequent to the 1956 act are 15 percent higher than previous forecasts, resulting in a need for more traffic lanes and other facilities. Construction required on the Interstate System by this additional traffic accounts for an estimated 5-percent increase in needed facilities.

(2) Section 116 (b) of the 1956 act states that it is "* * the intent that local needs, to the extent practicable, suitable, and feasible, shall be given equal consideration with the needs of interstate commerce." To serve local needs as required by the above portion of the act will require an estimated 63 percent more highway grade separations, interchanges, other structures, and additional frontage roads than had been considered in determining the amounts authorized by the 1956 act. This accounts for an estimated 15-percent increase in total work to be done.

(3) In addition, miscellaneous items such as utility adjustments, lighting, signing, and other incidentals account for some

increase, probably aggregating another 3 percent.

(4) Highway construction costs of the Interstate System type have risen 12 percent during the interval between mid-1954 and the last half of 1956 as reflected by the Bureau's price index for Federal-aid highway construction and this increase is applicable to all items.

CONCLUSIONS

These estimates are an accurate appraisal of the cost in each State based on 1956 price levels but do not represent a commitment of funds to the location, design, or cost of individual projects to be undertaken on the Interstate System. Before any construction begins, every portion of the system covered by this estimate will be further investi-

gated and studied by the Bureau of Public Roads and State highway department engineers in preparing the detailed designs, plans, and specifications, on which actual construction bids will be invited. It must be recognized that the estimate totals are based on current prevailing factors and carry no forecast of future trends, either upward or downward.

The estimated costs to be borne by the highway trust fund and State matching funds are considered adequate for the purposes described in this report. It is therefore recommended that the estimates and apportionment factors shown in table D be approved by the Congress by concurrent resolution, in order to permit the Secretary of Commerce to apportion the authorized funds for fiscal years 1960, 1961, and 1962 as soon as revenues in the trust fund are estimated to be sufficient as required by the provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, and the Highway Revenue Act of 1956.